MR. SPEAKER.—The question is:

"That the Mysore Tenancy Laws (Amendment) Bill, 1964, be passed."

The motion was adopted.

CHAIR'S RULING ON POINT OF ORDER

Re: Postponement of discussion on Motion of Thanks.

MR. SPEAKER.—I will now give the ruling on the point of order raised by the Hon'ble Member Sri Anna Rao. He is not present. I have understood his difficulty. The point of order was raised by Hon'ble Sri Anna Rao, who referred to Rule 21 of the Rules of Procedure that the discussion on the Address might be postponed in favour of a Government Bill or other Government business on a motion being made that the discussion on the Address be adjourned to a subsequent day, to be appointed by the Speaker and the Speaker shall forthwith put the question, no amendment or debate being allowed. There is a slight fallacy in his reasoning. Today has not been fixed as the day for discussion on the Address. If today had been fixed for discussion on the Motion of Thanks, then it would have become necessary, and the operation of this rule would arise only when it is set down in the agenda. Hon'ble Members would have seen from the Circular and the Agenda supplied to them that the Business set down for today is the Consideration of Second Bills. It was done in full accordance with rules and conventions.

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The convention is that on the day on which the Governor addresses the Legislature, the Address is not taken up for debate. It has to be reported. Nor is it taken up immediately on the succeeding day, because convention arose on account of a right on the part of the House of Commons to assert that they have a right to bring a Bill. So, the debate has always taken place on a day fixed by the Speaker. This is clear from the Constitution as well as the earlier portion of Rule 2 (1) which says—"notwithstanding that a day has been allotted for discussion on the Governor's Address". So, a day has to be allotted; under the Constitution also, it is seen that a day has to be fixed. So, till a day is fixed for the dabate on the Governor's Address no question of suspension of rules arises. Therefore, I must say that the Hon'ble Member is not right in raising this point of order. Therefore, it is not upheld.

The House will now adjourn to meet again tomorrow at 12-30 P.M.

The House adjourned at Thirty-five Minutes past Five of the Clock to meet again at Thirty Minutes past Twelve of the Clock on Friday, the 28th February 1964.

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